

without any additional cost to taxpayers. Acting-Commissioner Banks testified before our Ways and Means Committee in support of our earlier version of the legislation, and the airline industry supports it as well.

I appreciate how quickly the House has recognized the merits of these provisions, as well as the other important elements of the bill to reduce tariffs on various products, and allowed us to bring it to the floor today. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this critical bill.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my strong support for H.R. 4856, the "Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Correction Act of 1998" which will strengthen our trade and economic relationship with Mongolia through the extension of normal trading relations with that emerging democracy in central Asia.

Mongolia has undertaken significant market-based economic reforms, including the reduction of government subsidies, the elimination of most price controls and the closing of insolvent banks. In many respects, this country's economic track record is a model for many other countries in the region and in Asia as a whole.

I would also like to express my thanks to the author of this legislation, Chairman Archer, for this willingness to include six duty suspension requests in this legislation that will provide small but important benefits for a leading company in my district, the Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation.

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CRANE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4856.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) at 4 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF SECOND SESSION SINE DIE

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that House Resolu-

tion 594, as modified by striking "November 18, 1998," in section 2 and inserting "November 13, 1998," be considered as adopted.

The text of House Resolution 594 is as follows:

H. RES. 594

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House a joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 2. A resolution providing that any organizational caucus or conference in the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Sixth Congress may begin on or after November 18, 1998, is hereby adopted.

SEC. 3. A resolution providing for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Sixth Congress as a House document, and for the printing and binding of three thousand additional copies for the use of the House, of which nine hundred copies shall be bound in leather with thumb index and delivered as may be directed by the Parliamentarian of the House, is hereby adopted.

SEC. 4. A resolution providing that a committee of two Members of the House be appointed to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that the House of Representatives has completed its business of the session and is ready to adjourn, unless the President has some other communication to make to them, is hereby adopted.

SEC. 5. The Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader may accept resignations and make appointments to commissions, boards, and committees following the adjournment of the second session sine die as authorized by law or by the House.

SEC. 6. The chairman and ranking minority member of each standing committee and subcommittee may extend their remarks in the Congressional Record and include a summary of the work of their committee or subcommittee.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is adopted and amended.

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTING DAY FOR CONVENING OF FIRST SESSION OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTH CONGRESS

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I offer a joint resolution (H. J. Res. 138) appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The text of House Joint Resolution 138 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 138

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first regular session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress shall begin at noon on Wednesday, January 6, 1999.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4328, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-826) on the resolution (H. Res. 605) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4328) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SETTING DATES FOR ORGANIZATIONAL CAUCUS OR CONFERENCE FOR ONE HUNDRED SIXTH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 594, House Resolution 606 is adopted.

The text of House Resolution 606 is as follows:

H. RES. 606

Resolved, That any organizational caucus or conference in the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Sixth Congress may begin on or after November 13, 1998.

SEC. 2. As used in this resolution, the term "organizational caucus or conference" means a party caucus or conference authorized to be called under section 202(a) of House Resolution 988, Ninety-third Congress, agreed to on October 8, 1974, and enacted into permanent law by chapter III of title I of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1975 (2 U.S.C. 29a(a)).

AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF REVISED EDITION OF RULES AND MANUAL OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 594, House Resolution 607 is adopted.

The text of House Resolution 607 is as follows:

H. RES. 607

Resolved, That a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Sixth Congress be printed as a House document, and that three thousand additional copies shall be printed and bound for the use of the House of Representatives, of which nine hundred copies shall be bound in leather with thumb index and delivered as may be directed by the Parliamentarian of the House.